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24. (AMENDED) Apparatus for use in a system including a bank-related system for executing settling processes based on sales data and a credit-related system for executing settling processes based on sales data, the apparatus comprising:

- a) a host unit;
- b) a shop-side POS terminal unit for generating the sales data;
- c) a maintenance center; and
- d) data transfer lines connecting the host unit to each of (1) the shop-side POS terminal unit, (2) the bank-related system, (3) the credit-related system, and (4) the maintenance center,

wherein the sales data used by the bank-related system and credit-related system are provided from the shop-side POS terminal unit, and

wherein programs for executing processes on the shop-side POS terminal unit for a plurality of different kinds of services are stored on the host unit.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a separate sheet with the rewritten claim marked-up to show the changes made to the previous version of the claim, is filed herewith.

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, are not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and are not unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Accordingly,